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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated September 9, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action expired on December 9, 2004, therefore, applicant believes that with petition and payment for a one-month extension of time, this response is timely filed. No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing; however, should any additional fee be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-2350. Additionally, should the extension of time petition be improper, applicant hereby petitions for extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350 in order to make this communication timely. For the purpose of charging said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.

**Listing of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.